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Saturday 10 A.M.

June 2, 2018

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From the Left Seat

David Capo, Unit Leader

THE PRESIDENT IS COMING TO THE BIG EASY WING!

Greetings fellow members. On Saturday, June 2, 2018, the president of the *Commemorative Air Force* will visit the Big Easy Wing for the first time ever. I am proud to announce that President Bob Stenevick (pictured below with me) will join us as our featured speaker at our next general membership meeting to be held at our hangar located at 8550 Lloyd Stearman Blvd at LakeFront Airport (KNEW) starting at 10:00 am. This will be an historic visit so come out and meet this remarkable gentleman. I am sure he will have lots to say to us. We want a good turnout, so please make every effort to attend. Also, we want to invite all of our cadets and any guests who might be interested in joining the *CAF* to join us that day.



Reminder, we will be discussing the role of participants in the four committees that we will be starting: Development, Education/History, Membership, and PX. There will be a form available for you to review your role within these committee as well as a place to sign-up.

We will have refreshments. See you on the June 2nd!

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BEW Meeting Dates and Upcoming Events

Board Meetings

June 2 8:30am Hangar

July 18 6 pm Terminal
conference room

August 15 6 pm Terminal
conference room

September 19 6 pm Terminal
conference room

November 10 9 am Hangar
December 15 Holiday Party
Hangar

Membership Meeting

June 2 10 am Hangar

July 18 7 pm Terminal
conference room

August 15 7 pm Terminal
conference room

September 19 7 pm
Terminal
conference room

November 10 10 am Hangar

Events

June 2 Hangar Meeting /Work-day
after meeting

July 21-22 Blue Angels
Show—Biloxi MS

July 23-29 EAA Air-
Venture Oshkosh

October 11-14 WWII Air,
Sea & Land Festival-
Lakefront Airport

October 12-13 SHAF
Vicksburg- Tullalah
Regional Airport

October 19-21 Northshore
Regional Airshow
Hammond

November 10 Hangar Workout



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Name this Newsletter

CONTEST

The officers of the Big Easy Wing want to invite you to "NAME THAT NEWS-LETTER". Many units in the CAF have great names for their newsletters and so should we. If you are creative and adventurous, please submit your idea(s) to me at dcapo1203@aol.com or bring your idea to the next meeting on June 2, 2018. The officers will review the ideas and vote on the ones they like. The winner will be announced in the newsletter they named! How cool is that? Anyone can submit an idea so put your thinking caps on and ... NAME IT! See you next month!

Check out the name of some of the other wings:

[CAF B29/B-24 Squadron](#) "The Flyer"
[CAF Central Texas Wing](#) "HighFlight"
[Mississippi Wing CAF](#) "Voyager"
[CAF Gulf Coast Wing](#) "Cowl Flaps"

Development

GiveNOLA Day Results and Gift Match Opportunity

Realizing many firsts comes with the territory of being a young organization, and our first GiveNOLA Day is no exception. GiveNOLA 2018 saw the Big Easy Wing receive a total of 11 donations for \$780.00. As every donation was made by a Big Easy Wing member, our 1-to-1 donation challenge will match the total. Thus, a total of \$1,560.00 has been raised by your GiveNOLA Day efforts - not bad for a few clicks' work!

Over \$10,000 remains unmatched in our member-match challenge, in which an anonymous BEW member has pledged to match up to \$15,000 in cash donations by BEW members through December 31, 2018. Thusly, if you're a BEW member, any donation you make by cash, check or credit card to the BEW will be doubled!



The light-green shade behind the plane is our progress bar... the plane and green shade will move down the runway as we make progress.

Thank you to all of our 2018 donors to-date!

By Kurt Jostes



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2017 Charter Members—Thank You!

Donald Allen	Francis DiFulco	William Morrison
Robert Bates	Jeannine DiFulco	Glenn Northcott
Dewey Bell	Karissa Domin	JD Olson
Larry Boeye	Charles Everhardt	Paul Parrie
Wayne Breaux	Kayl Falgout	Bob Phelps
Harold Buchler	Thomas Fierke	Colby Ridgley
Jim Buchler	Dwight Fontana	James Riviere
Pete Buchler	Dan Fordice	Roger Roy
Sam Bulger	Richard Gray	Sonny Schilleci
Daviid Cantin	Charles Grillot	Jeff Segner
David Capo	Louis Grillot	Erin Seidemann
Richard Cardwell	James Hambright	James Shaw
Dale Casey	Jim Helms	Luke Stanley
C.J. Christ	Eric Hollingsworth	Sam Stephens
Frank Christopher	Sam Joplin	Michael Tooley
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Paul Cutrer	Dan Milham	
Tim Daggett	James Moreau	
Robert Dahmes		
Michael DeHarde		
Clinton DeHarde		

Welcome Members

Welcome to our latest 2018 Members:

May Member:	Gary Oglesley of Arizona
April Members:	Paul Borgette of Mandeville
	John C. Grout, Jr. of New Orleans
	Trip Jones of Metairie
February Members:	Chris K. Kyler of Meridian
	Mary Ann Clemons of Amite
January Members:	Tom Gibbs of New Orleans
	Stephen Watson of New Orleans
	Chance Watson of New Orleans



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Meeting/Social —Anniversary Party

What a year it has been for the Big Easy Wing. Saturday evening April the 28th, we gathered together in our new hangar to celebrate our first anniversary. The evening's festivities included sampling the delicious dishes generously provided by the officers while sipping refreshments from our coolers in between touring the newly acquired hangar renovations.



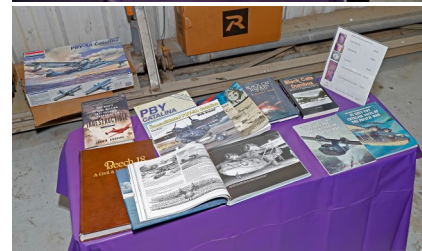
Our CO, Dave Capo, thanked all of our wing members who were able to volunteer their time and efforts in transforming our new home into a soon to be fully functional hangar. In particular Jim Buchler's effort with the electrical service and Wayne Breaux, Donald Allen, and Terry



Clausing work in completely renovating the bathroom in our office spaces.

Dave mentioned big news regarding our aircraft will be announced at the next monthly meeting. We need to have working hangar doors. It is possible that the doors will be open by the end of May. This will allow us to receive our first of many aircraft for the Big Easy wing which will certainly help in pursuing our CAF mission along with adding to our membership. Looking forward to a great second year and many years to follow.

By Rick Kiser



Membership Dues

Wing dues for CAF-Big Easy Wing Adults is \$50.00 per year; Big Easy Wing Cadet (12-23) is \$10.00 per year; Big Easy Wing Active Military is \$25.00 per year. The renewal date for the Big Easy Wing is the first of the new year—January 2018. Please review your records to see if you have **rejoined** the Wing if not please do so **now**. We need you! Send your check to:

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Credit card use is available on the [Big Easy Wing website](http://bigeasywing.org), at meetings, and at events. Please remember if you join online to complete the application and email it to Jeff at espundia@aol.com.



Adult wing members are eligible to vote and to serve on committees.